

## Message Text

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SUBJ: TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FERRIER

REF: STATE 269670

MEETING WITH DR. JOHAN FERRIER, PRESIDENT OF SURINAM  
TALKING POINTS

---ASSURE FERRIER OF OUR DESIRE FOR CONTINUATION OF THE  
CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WHICH HAVE  
EXISTED BETWEEN SURINAM AND THE U.S. SINCE 1790.

---EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR SURINAM'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP  
CLOSER RELATIONSHIPS WITH ITS WESTERN HEMISPHERE NEIGHBORS.

---EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS TO  
AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND EXPRESS SATISFACTION THAT  
SURINAM'S LEADERSHIP SHARES OUR COMMITMENT TO THE  
PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS.

---ASSURE FERRIER THAT THE U.S. IS ALWAYS READY TO  
LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY TO SURINAM'S VOICE ON INTERNATIONAL  
ISSUES OF CONCERN TO IT AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT  
SURINAM AND THE U.S. CAN WORK TOGETHER IN PURSUIT  
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OF OUR COMMON GOALS OF PEACE AND EQUITY FOR ALL  
MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

QUESTIONS TO RAISE

---ASK FERRIER HOW HE SEES THE EVOLUTION OF SURINAM  
AS A NATION AS IT ENTERS THE THIRD YEAR OF ITS

INDEPENDENCE

---ASK FERRIER FOR HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE BEST WAY  
IN WHICH THE U.S. AND SURINAM CAN WORK TOGETHER  
IN PURSUIT OF COMMON GOALS.

TOPICS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST

---FERRIER IS A TEACHER BY PROFESSION AND WOULD  
RESPOND TO ANY RELEVANT ANECDOTES OR A DISCUSSION  
OF SURINAM'S EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OR GOALS. ZURHELLEN

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